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I think that at Ewa we saw much less Lahaina or at Honolulu, where I seldom my childhood to have seen Kauikeaouli (King Kamehameha III) or his sister, face was familiar, named Kealliahonui, who was conspicuous for his stature and wages, never before having earned any. personal beauty. He was brought to No coin was used, only token-money. Honolulu in 1823 by the then tyrannical Regent Kaahumanu, who took him and his father, King Kaumualii of Kauai as her joint husbands. At her conversion in Lunalilo.

The Premier Kinau, half-sister of the Waiawa, where we lived. They had been twenty miles from Waialua, and were received by the Konohiki and people un- sey. der a great lanal covered with cocoanut up into the royal presence.

more of him for his humility than of the gar king, Sam. ostentatious gentleman from Waialua. I een acting as entertainer.

with his guardian. He came down to unusual in sailing "to windward." Robinson's wharf, where we were about to set sail, and laid hold of the side of the brig, yelling and howling. His guarnear by. This released us from further Ladd and Brinsmade, who princes had been strangers.

pled in preparing food for the entertain- self barely of age, brought his girl-bride ment of the chiefs and their great reti- fresh from America, to our house, and nue, taxing all the resources of the spent a fortnight in a very jolly honeypeople. Probably the food was taken moon time. Jarves afterwards edited from the patches, always the best ones, which were set apart for the use of the tory, and became prominent in the literlandlord, and cultivated by the weekly ature of art. labor of an the natives. Not har inland Mrs. Captain Dominis one afternoon from our house were dug three immense made her appearance in a boat on the "imu" ovens. These were deep and creek near our house, bringing her little broad pits, holding twenty or thirty barrels each of taro. One or two cords of The better class of whites in Honolulu wood were piled in each pit and covered with lava stones perhaps two feet deep. Sunday mornings at the Seamen's Bethel, The burning of the wood brought most of the stones to more than red heat. ship. A number of half-white youth also When the wood was consumed, the hot attended, some of them pupils of Mr. stones were leveled and the taro piled Andrew Johnstone, who taught the upon them, together with sweet potatoes, and large hogs wrapped in banana leaves. The interiors of the hogs were first filled with red hot stones, as well as cavities opened between the shoulder blades and ribs. Other meats were added, such lains, the families of Messrs. E. O. Hall as goats, fowls and fish, the smaller be-ing wrapped in ki leaves. and Henry Dimond, who had charge of the printing and binding departments,

As soon as the piles of vegetables and and after 1837 the families of S. N. Castle meats were suitably laid up in the pits, and A. F. Cooke. The Lowell Smiths the whole mass was covered deeply with have already been named. Besides these, fresh grass and rushes. The earth dug the families of Rev. Ephraim Clark and from the pits was then piled upon the grass, covering it deeply, but leaving a resident in Honolulu. Altogether it was barrels. The earth was instantly piled purpose.
into the opening, sealing in the violently Of this mission circle Mr. and Ms.

any performed with greater economy of fuel, than in the Hawaiian imu. A heavy task remained, to clean the taro and pound it into poi. Much of the taso next to the stones had become baked into a tough but savory crust. I believe that the New England "clambakes" are cooked in a similar manner with driftwood in pits in the sands of

the beaches. Our visit to Kauai on the occasion mentioned above, extended from Koloa to Hanalei. Koloa was occupied by Mr. Gulick, Hanalei by Messrs. Alexander and Johnson. Mr. Gulick lived in a large thatched cottage of native style. Of special interest at Koloa was a silk farm conducted by Mr. Titcomb, who had a few acres of Multicaulis mulberry which were very flourishing. He had also a considerable quantity of silkworms, which had to be fed on fresh mulberry leaves. We saw the worms making cocoons, and the various processes of reeling the silk from the cocoons, into beautiful and glossy skeins. That plantation failed, doubtless in part from lack of reliable skilled labor. There was also a little sugar planta-

tion at Koloa, managed by Mr. Hooper,

who was a partner of William Ladd and

P. A. Brinsmade, merchants of Honolulu. The crop could not have exceeded one or two hundred tons. The mill had small iron rollers, driven by water power. The boiling train was composed of with cane bagasse, which when opened, allowed the molasses to drain out. A In the current issue of The Friend, large pile of sugar gathered from such the editor, Rev. Dr. S. E. Bishop, con- pots awaited transportation. I gratefultinues his series of recollections as fol- ly remember a generous hunk of the brown crystals graciously bestowed on myself by Mr. Hooper, who must have been a good sort of man. I think that of the higher class of chiefs than while sugar plantations generally brought some living at Kailua. Their residence was at profit to its owners, and had a history continuous with the modern and very saw them. I do not remember ever in profitable Koloa plantation. It was the earliest manufactory of sugar in these Islands. At the time of our visit, the na-Nahienaena, both of whom I often heard tive labor was hired at 121/2 cents a day, mentioned. There was one chief whose payable in coarse cotton cloth at 25 cents a yard. The natives were eager for the

ous boys all became expert horsemen. The oldest, Halsey, was then 11 years old, a boy of great brightness and love-1825, she put away her younger husband. ableness. Very interesting was a busi-I was also familiar with the person of ness training for his boys, instituted by Auhea Kekauluohi, the mother of King Mr. G., who made money tokens of his own, with which the boys traded with him and each other. This cultivated in King, I often saw. On one memorable occasion, she and her husband, the redoubtable Governor Kekuanaoa, visited out life. Orramel, the second boy, was then an alert lad of 9, old enough to be making a sort of royal progress around a playmate. Five brothers of this famthe Island, and were traveling in great ily became remarkable as a peculiarly state. They had come through that day active and successful set of foreign missionaries, all still surviving except Hal-

Mr. Gulick raised colts, and his numer-

Mounted on good ponies by the kindness leaves, where they sat upon the large of Mr. Gulick, we made a two days' ride sofa on which they traveled. This sofa to Hanalei. I remember that Mr. and was mounted upon an immense platform Mrs. H. O. Knapp were in our party. composed of long poles crossing each Mr. K. was a brother of a lady who other in such a manner that fifty men came to Kauai a few years later, Mrs. at once could lift and trot off with their Dr. J. W. Smith of Koloa. I remember royal lead. The mission family went up that he was very neat in his dress, and and paid our respects in company with wore gloves when riding. Mrs. Knapp the principal people of the district. There afterwards became the stepmother of was a great gathering of people, both Sanford B. Dole, a lady of very calm those of Ewa and those who accompa- and quiet efficiency. The ride was a nied the chiefs from Waialua. Our peo- delightful one, through a rarely beautithe splendid Hanalei valley, messengers The head man of Waialua was quite from Mr. Alexander met us with a large conspicuous in active attendance on the bucket of cow's milk, which I was thirsgreat personages, and was got up in su-ty enough to drink, although rather disperior costume. Our own head man, Ka- liking its flavor, being used only to goat's nepaiki, seemed to be absent, until I at milk. The Bishops found hospitable last espied him squatting at some dis- quarters with the then young Alexanders, tance among the common natives; dress- who had a comfortable stone house. They ed in an old dirty shirt and male. Ex- had three little boys, the oldest now my pressing my surprise, my father explain- honored friend and "puluna" of the Coast ed that the high chiefs would think much Survey, and the youngest the genial su-

We had a canoe ride up the beautiful had never seen Kanepaiki so poorly river. The great green mountain towerdressed. Possibly the fact of Kinau be- ing over the rear of the valley made a ing owner of Ewa made some difference, lasting impression. I have not since seen relegating him to the position of a mere the place in sixty-two years. We returnservant, whereas the Walalua man had ed the following week as far as Lihue. There were one or two deep streams to Kinau was a tall and portly chiefess, cross in canoes, swimming the horses. weighing from 250 to 300 pounds. Her At Waialus, we were entertained with features were coarse and unattractive, very warm hospitality by the ex-Queen yet not forbidding. She then had three Debora Tapule, who had formed a great sons and a daughter. Two of the sons affection for my own mother in Waimea became the Kings Kamehameha IV and in 1824. On leaving she gave us a large V. An older son, Moses, died in youth, package of choice tapas and fine Nilhau after having developed a violent and un- mats. She lived in a very large thatchcontrollable nature, of which I once wit-nessed a sample in his childhood. We fortable interior. Reaching the liftle bay were embarking for Kauai early in 1839, near Lihue, we spent there some thirtyin company with Mr. and Mrs. Amos F. six hours. It was long before the days Cooke and the old Governor of Kauai, of sugar plantations and cattle ranches. Kaikioewa, who was the official Kahu. The natives were numerous and the only or guardian of little Prince Moses. The inhabitants. A schooner bore us speedily youngster had made up his mind to go to Honolulu with a fair wind, which was

While at Ewa, we increased our ac quaintance with the few white families residing in Honolulu, not of the mission. dian all the time continued to dissuade Mrs. Charlton and Mrs. Taylor have aland expostulate. No one dared to use ready been spoken of. We were once force upon the furious child. This con- at dinner at the house of a Mrs. Capt. tinued for more than two hours, until Hinkley, and repeatedly at that of Mrs. nearly night. Finally his father, the Capt. Carter, a most sociable and active Governor Kekuanaoa, sent down a file of lady, whose many descendants have soldiers with orders to arrest and con- greatly prospered here. We had much acvey the little prince him to the palace quaintance with the families of Messrs. detention, and we set sail. It was a some church connection with us, unlike tiresome, but very curious experience. To most of the foreign residents. We saw Mr. and Mrs. Cooke it was doubtless an much of the sister of Dr. Wood, who instructive experience, since about a year married Captain Little, and after his loss later, as I think, they were placed in at sea, became Mrs. Hooper, a very lively charge of the "Royal School" for the and agreeable woman. I remember bechildren of the Chiefs, over whom they ing at the house of Mrs. Corney, whose maintained a family rule of gentle but two aged daughters still reside in Hofirm discipline, to which the little nolulu. There were several prominent white men, whose faces were familiar, To revert to the royal visit at Waiawa, Consul Jones, old Mr. Reynolds, and old several days had been previously occu- Mr. Pitman. James Jackson Jarves, him-"The Polynesian," wrote Hawaiian his-

son, and made us a very agreeable visit. in the thirties were wont to gather on where Chaplain Diell held public wor-"Charity School." Of course, our intimacies were with the circle of missionary families. Of these were the Binghams and Dr. Judd's genial household, the very kind and hospitable Chambersmall opening on the summit of the a large circle of warm-hearted and en-mound. Into this was suddenly poured thusiastic missionaries, bound together water to the amount of three or four by the warmest of united activity and

hot Bingham held a certain leadership, by The ovens were then left to virtue of longer experience, and of some "stew in their own juice" for several superiority of intellect and capacity. All hours. On opening, the contents were looked up to Mr. Bingham as the stronfound to be most thoroughly cooked by gest man of the mission, and a leader. the steam. The meats were peculiarly He possessed much calmness and coursavory. Probably there is no more sat- tesy of manner. The highest testimony

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and Mrs. B. was in the immense personal that persecuting policy, although influence which they acquired over the pose that they were so. This minds and hearts of the leading royal course of the chiefs was put to chiefs. This ascendancy made him ex- in the following year by the vis tremely obnoxious to the majority of the French warship foreigners, who detested moral restrictions. As a child I always held him in high honor and regard, with much liking, mingled with a little awe. There was another missionary couple on Oahu, whom we often met, and of whom I have the pleasantest memories, the Rev. B. W. Parker and wife of Kaneohe. Mrs. Parker, now in her nineties, is the only white survivor of the adult residents of

Honolulu in 1836, when we came here. My father was of habitually even temper. One of the very few occasions when I ever saw him betray angry excitement was in 1836, when we saw passing opposite our house at Ewa on the public road one morning, a company of perhaps forty Catholic natives, who were being led over from Waianae to Honolulu under guard, to receive at the capital sentence to labor on the roads for their crime of worshipping images, contrary to the royal statutes. The good missionary was grieved to the heart, and deeply roused, to see men and women in his parish suffering ignominious punishment for the practice of their religion, even though he believed them to be sadly misguided. He immediately mounted his horse and rode to Honolulu to expostulate with Kinau and Kekuanaoa. His remonstrances, however, were ineffectual. The native rulers had adopted a determined policy perature. Rods, tubes and a of suppressing by force what they deemed to be real idol-worship, forbidden in red or white heat into a the Second Commandment. I cannot per-without fear of fracture at sonally testify that all the Protestant jury of any kind

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